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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: INOUE, Yoshihisa et al Conf.:

Appl. No.: NEW Group:

Filed: July 3, 2001 Examiner:

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING POLAR OLEFIN

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OBTAINED THEREBY

#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

July 3, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

### In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

14. (Amended) A polar olefin copolymer obtained by the process according to claim 1.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### REMARKS

The claims have been amended to delete the improper multiple dependencies in order to place the application into better form prior to examination.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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Attachments

# VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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The claims have been amended as follows:

14. (Amended) A polar olefin copolymer obtained by the process according to [any one of claims 1-13] Claim 1.